

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS W. READY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate a remarkable gentleman, Thomas W. Ready, for his outstanding leadership and dedication to his country and the State of Colorado. Tom is a long time resident of Pueblo, Colorado, where his hard work and vision have taken the GOP to new heights in the community. What's more, Tom has had an outstanding career as a Dentist in the Pueblo area, a career that is now coming to a close. Tom's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress.

Tom is a wonderful model of the ideal citizen. Tom was born in Pueblo, Colorado in 1944, where he spent his formative years. Tom attended college at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and later pursued his graduate work at the Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating with a degree in dentistry in 1970, Tom was drafted into the United States Army and assigned to the Army Dental Corp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. While serving his country in the military, Tom had the opportunity to represent South Carolina at the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami.

Tom has not only had an exceptional career in the Armed Services, but he's also been highly active in his community. After obtaining the rank of Major, he returned to Colorado and set up a private dental practice in Pueblo. Later, he started a longhorn ranch just up the road from Pueblo in Beulah. In Colorado, Tom remained active in the Republican Party, where he became precinct chairman for the Republican Party in Beulah. Tom has continued to be a prominent force in the Republican Party ever since, working on numerous Republican campaigns and holding an array of positions. He's been the Chairman of the 3rd Congressional District several times, as well as Vice Chairman, Treasurer and a member of the State Executive Committee. He was elected Chairman of the Pueblo County GOP where he's served with great distinction the last 10 years.

When Tom began as Chairman of Pueblo County, the party was troubled with debt and facing a countywide Democratic advantage of 3.5 to 1. Under Thomas' tutelage, the Party has brought its fiscal house in order and 3 of 5 Representatives in the area are currently Republican. The success of the GOP is in no small way attributable to Tom's hard work.

In July of 2000, Governor Bill Owens appointed Tom to the Colorado State Parks Board. In addition, Tom currently serves as the campaign Treasurer for my friend U.S. Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

For all these reasons, and many more, Tom deserves the commendation of this body. It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Tom for his dedication and service to his community over the years and congratulate him on an outstanding career. He has worked hard for our community and for our great state.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE "CODE OF ELECTION ETHICS"

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, most campaign reform efforts are focused on the financing aspect. This is an important issue, and I am a strong proponent of moving forward with meaningful campaign finance reform. However, while the American people are tired of the abuses in our campaign finance system, they are equally tired of the negative campaigns that seem to have become the norm. I strongly believe that the tone and content of campaigns has an impact on public trust in government and citizen participation in the electoral process.

For that reason, I am reintroducing legislation that would encourage congressional candidates to abide by a "Code of Election Ethics." It is based on the Maine Code of Election Conduct, which was developed in 1995 at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, Maine with the assistance of the Institute for Global Ethics. In the past three elections, most Maine candidates for Congress and Governor have signed a Code, pledging to conduct "honest, fair, respectful, responsible and compassionate" campaigns. The Code has worked well, and Maine voters have benefited from generally positive issue-based campaigns. Maine's voter participation rates consistently have been among the highest in the nation.

Similar Codes have been used in other states, including Washington and Ohio. My legislation would make the Code available to candidates nationwide and would require the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate to make public the names of candidates who have agreed to the Code. The Code of Election Ethics will serve as a reminder to candidates, and provide the public with a yardstick by which to measure candidates' performance.

Something must be done to enhance people's confidence in government and faith in our democracy. I believe this bill is a step in the right direction, and I hope that many of you will add your support to this effort to improve the quality of congressional campaigns.

TRIBUTE TO VERNON COX

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vernon Cox. Mr. Cox was born in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1928, and passed away on January 14, 2001, in Kentfield, California.

Essentially a quadriplegic for much of his adulthood, he devoted his own life to improve the lives of the poor, the sick, the disabled. He worked for greater economic opportunities for minorities. As a member of the Marin County Human Rights Commission, he fought to eliminate bigotry. He also added his most influential voice to protect our environment and was one of the founders of the environmental education program at the College of Marin.

As a co-founder of the Marin Center for Independent Living Mr. Cox was instrumental in providing housing, employment, access to public transportation, and recreation for the disabled, and served on the Golden Gate Bridge District's Disabled Access Committee. He advocated for employment opportunities for women, minorities, and other groups as a member of the Marin County Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. He served on a seemingly endless number of commissions, committees, panels, and boards, and all from his wheelchair.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a great man. We have lost an irreplaceable member of our community. He will be sorely missed by all of us who value the dignity of every individual and cherish the diversity of our great nation. Vernon Cox was a true hero.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY L. DODSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a remarkable citizen, Stanley L. Dodson, for his continued dedication to the people of Colorado. Stanley is being honored by Glenwood Chamber Resort as their 2001 Citizen of the Year. Stanley has had a long and distinguished career and it is obvious why he is receiving this honor. Stanley's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress.

Stanley is a great role model and an outstanding citizen. Stanley has not only had an exceptional career in the engineering field, but he's also been highly active in his community. Stanley started his career after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder

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